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William E. Woollenweber and Jon A. Meyer

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For: BEARING SYSTEM FOR HIGH-SPEED

ROTATING MACHINERY

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The documents now cited are the following:

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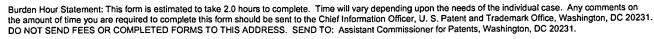
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